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A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the YEAR 1942.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW ROMNEY.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:-

The area of the Borough is 1509 acres.

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The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1942, according to the Rate Books was: 577.

The rateable value was £15,865.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £40. (cash basis).

VITAL       STATISTICS.

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	Illegitimate	...		1	0	1
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1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19.04	14.20
1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.06	15.80
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Deaths from Puerperal causes:- Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 1.  
" " Measles( " " ) Nil.  
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil.  
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) Nil.  
" " Tuberculosis Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - One female, legitimate.

" All infants per 1000 live births:- 41.6.  
" Legitimate infants per 1000 live births:- 41.6.  
" Illegitimate infants per 1000 live births:- Nil.

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Pneumonia - 2.  
Whooping Cough - 3.  
Measles - 25.  
Diphtheria - 1.  
Scarlet Fever - 1.  
Ophthalmia Neonatorium - 1.  
Tuberculosis - None.

The cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

The case of Ophthalmia Neonatorium was of a mild nature and was followed by no impairment of vision.

WATER SUPPLY:-

The Public Water Supply remains the same. There was no shortage during the year. Bacteriological examinations were made Monthly and the reports have always been good, and there was no evidence of over-chlorination.

The Council's scheme for Diphtheria Immunisation is that parents or guardians can have children immunised by any General Practitioner to whom the Council pays a fee of 5/-s. for each child. It is impossible to get the exact figures of the number actually immunised to date, but I can say that the response is good.

The Council has no scheme for the treatment of Scabies. The cases among the civilian population are mild and are treated at home.

The treatment of venereal diseases is carried out by the County Council; the nearest clinics for these diseases are at Ashford and Folkestone.

The treatment of Tuberculosis is also carried out by the County Council.

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1939	11.92	12.10
1940	15.02	14.30
1941	12.47	12.10
1942	12.47	12.10
1943	12.47	12.10
Average	12.47	12.10

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
ARNOLD McMILLAN.

5th April, 1944.

BIRTHS:- Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births:- 45.4.

There was one male illegitimate Still Birth

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